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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Solar Eclipse Watch Party to Take Place at State Capitol on August 21, Chance for Californians to Unplug and Conserve**

**CPUC and Energy Upgrade California join Assemblymember Chris Holden at Solar Eclipse Watch Party,  
Encouraging Attendees to Conserve Energy During Eclipse and Every Day Moving Forward**

**WHAT:** The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and Energy Upgrade California join California Assemblymember Chris Holden, along with California community based organizations (CBOs) and other state representatives, at a Solar Eclipse watch party the morning of August 21<sup>st</sup> to encourage State Capitol staff and local students to unplug and head outside to watch the historic Solar Eclipse.

Before the eclipse viewing, host Assemblymember Holden will discuss the importance of saving energy so that California can burn fewer fossil fuels and emit fewer greenhouse gas emissions when the state's solar energy production dips during the eclipse. By doing just one more thing to save energy on August 21 and every day moving forward, Californians can create a major positive impact on our environment.

Representatives from Energy Upgrade California will also distribute eclipse viewing glasses that double as coffee sleeves, and will share easy tips for consumers to save energy. Additional activities will include arts and crafts with Powerhouse Science Center, solar cell PV demonstration facilitated by statewide utilities companies, and discussions with NASA Ambassadors.

**WHEN:** Monday, August 21, 2017, 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

**WHERE:** California State Capitol, West Steps, 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, CA

**WHO:** California Assemblymember Chris Holden  
CPUC President Michael Picker  
California Community Based Organizations  
California Independent System Operator Director of Regional Integration Phil Pettingill  
NASA Ambassador Joshua Morrison  
NASA Ambassador Eduardo Rojas-Flores  
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**BACKGROUND:** As California continues to increasingly turn to solar power, consumer action and conservation is anticipated to become an ever-increasingly important aspect of managing effective power supply when the sun's rays are not shining - whether on cloudy days, evenings, or during a solar eclipse. Leading up to this solar eclipse the CPUC is joining with leaders around California who are using the historic event as an opportunity to highlight California's large and growing adoption of solar power - and the new opportunities for conservation this energy source presents. The California Independent System Operator anticipates sufficient energy supplies and network reliability during the solar eclipse, but on CalEclipse.org, consumers, businesses, organizations, and local governments can take a pledge to Do Your Thing by reducing electricity usage from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. during The Great Solar Eclipse on August 21, 2017. This will allow California to burn fewer fossil fuels and emit fewer greenhouse gas emissions when California's solar energy production dips during the eclipse.